

**441—165.6(217) Selection of grantees.** All applications received within the time frames designated by the council and meeting the criteria, shall be reviewed by the department of human rights, which shall make funding recommendations to the council. The council shall make the final decision with respect to which organizations will receive grant funds.

**165.6(1) Selection criteria.** The council will review the projects recommended by the department of human rights. Criteria for selection of projects include, but are not limited to, the following:

*a.* The statement of need which will demonstrate the need for the service in the geographical area to be served.

*b.* The issues the project will address.

*c.* The criteria for families to be served, including the number to be served.

*d.* The services to be provided and how the services address the needs. This includes direct and indirect services.

*e.* The community support systems available to the families to be served.

*f.* Description of how the project objectives are to be measured in both quantitative and qualitative terms.

*g.* General program structure including, but not limited to, how well goals can be met, how realistic the objectives are, stability of the organization, and the overall quality and utility of the proposal in comparison to other proposals and in relationship to funding limits.

*h.* The project budget, including administration of the funds. Note, the funds may be used for salaries, fringe benefits, job-related in-state travel, contract services, materials, and operational expenses. The funds may not be used for construction, capital improvement or purchase of real estate.

**165.6(2) Notification of applicants.** Applicants shall be notified no later than 45 days following the due date for receipt of proposals whether the proposal is denied or accepted.

The grantee may be requested to modify the proposal through the contracting process.